U-boat commander and National Socialist sympathiser, would not submit.

Ludendorff s opposition to the Nazi regime was of a different order; lunacy's privilege rather than faith's responsibility. In his fortnightly magazine, *At the Fount of German Power.,* mixed up with anti-semitic fury, astrological predictions and other occult matter, appeared criticism of the Third Reich when every-where else it had been suppressed. Later, the magazine, suddenly popular as the single remaining opposition organ, was also sub-jected to the *Gleichschaltung* process, and lapsed back into its original obscurity; and Hitler and Ludendorff, ceremonially but not very cordially, met and conversed together.[12] After this ceremonial meeting, Ludendorff continued undisturbed with his pagan rites, occasionally to be seen wearing horned head-piece and other Wagnerian accoutrements. When he died, he was given a State funeral, though at subsequent private obsequies his remains were consigned to Valhalla to the accompaniment of ancient German chants and ritual, strange figures, presumably friends and retainers, appearing in suitable costumes, and making strange moan.

The ease with which Hitler triumphed spread consternation— books and Parliament gone, without a blow struck in their defence, though Parliament was later resurrected, each member in identical uniform, with identical mind, and stirred to identical emotions, a dream parliament accommodated in the Kroll Opera House (World Economic Conference in Geological Museum, Parliament in Opera House); culture abolished, labelled de-cadent, and the cultured mostly dispersed; even

the Oberam-

fond of hewing trees, and distributing gifts to the poor and aged, and conducting family prayers.

[12] Whatever else they may have discussed, they are unlikely to have recalled their past collaboration at Munich in 1923, when a revolt was arranged, but at the crucial moment Nazi participants failed to appear, and LudendorfF was left to advance, solitary, in top hat and frock coat, against the assembled police.